



## FY2018 QUALITY PROGRESS REPORT (QPR)

The Quality Progress Report (QPR) collects information from states and territories to describe investments to improve the quality of care available for children from birth to age 13. This report meets the requirements in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 for Lead Agencies to submit an annual report that describes how quality funds were expended, including the activities funded and the measures used to evaluate progress in improving the quality of child care programs and services.

The annual data provided by the QPR will be used to describe how States and Territories are spending more than \$1 billion per year to key stakeholders, including Congress, federal, state and territory administrators, providers, parents, and the public.

**Specifically, this report will be used to:**

- Ensure accountability for the use of CCDF quality funds, including a set-aside for quality infant and toddler care.
- Track progress toward meeting state- and territory-set indicators and benchmarks for improvement of child care quality based on what they described in their CCDF Plans; and
- Inform federal technical assistance efforts and decisions regarding strategic use of quality funds.

**What Period Must Be Included:** All sections of this report cover the federal fiscal year activities (October 1 through September 30), unless otherwise stated. The FY2018 QPR covers data from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Data should reflect the cumulative totals for the fiscal year being reported unless otherwise stated.

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from October 1, 2017  
through September 30, 2018.

**What Data Should Lead Agencies Use:** Lead Agencies may use data collected by other government and nongovernment agencies (e.g., CCR&R agencies or other TA providers) as appropriate. We recognize that Lead Agencies may not have all of the data requested initially but encourage you to work toward increased data capacity. The scope of this report covers quality improvement activities funded at least in part by CCDF, or if other funds are used, activities to support CCDF requirements or allowable quality activities (e.g., early learning and development guidelines).

The FY2018 QPR should include progress on goals in the FY2016-2018 plans, including examples and numeric targets where possible, for the various topics. Future QPR's will require Lead

Agencies to report on your measurable indicators of progress, as identified in your 2019-2021 CCDF Plan.

### How is the QPR Organized?

The first section of the QPR gathers basic data on the population of providers in the state or territory and goals for quality improvement and definitions. The rest of the report is organized according to the ten authorized uses of quality funds specified in the CCDBG Act of 2014:

- 1) Support the training and professional development of the child care workforce
- 2) Improve the development or implementation of early learning and development guidelines
- 3) Develop, implement, or enhance a quality rating improvement system for child care providers
- 4) Improve the supply and quality of child care for infants and toddlers
- 5) Establish or expand a Statewide system of child care resource and referral services
- 6) Support compliance with State/Territory requirements for licensing, inspection, monitoring, training, and health and safety
- 7) Evaluate the quality of child care programs in the State/Territory, including how programs positively impact children
- 8) Support providers in the voluntary pursuit of accreditation
- 9) Support the development or adoption of high-quality program standards related to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development
- 10) Other activities to improve the quality of child care services supported by outcome measures that improve provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten-entry.

### When is the QPR Due to ACF?

- The FY2018 QPR is due no later than May 10, 2019. The FY2018 QPR covers data from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.
- For FY2019 and future years, the QPR will be due no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> after the federal fiscal year period ends (e.g., the FY2019 QPR will be due by December 31, 2019).

<p><b>The FY2018 QPR is due no later than May 10, 2019.</b></p>
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<p>Reports are submitted on-line through the electronic submission site. The site will open April 12, 2019.</p>
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*The electronic submission site is the same as the site used to submit the CCDF State and Territory Plans and Amendments. Please contact your Regional Office if additional state or territory staff need access to the electronic submission site and for any other questions.*